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SIR WILLIAM OSLER should have whatever credit may come from the printing of these *Notes*. No one would have welcomed them more encouragingly than he, or have awaited future issues with keener interest. It was his guarantee of support that enabled Falconer Madan, who retired a year ago from the post of Bodley's Librarian at Oxford, to start the *Bodleian Quarterly Record*. Its first number was dated April 23, 1914, and Dr. Osler had much to do with keeping it going regularly during the distracting years that followed. These *Harvard Library Notes* are frankly modelled upon "*B. Q. R.*"

DR. OSLER'S habit of never losing an interest in anything he had once seen or known about, and of never letting slip an opportunity to serve others when occasion offered, is illustrated by this letter:

13 Norham Gardens Oxford.
April 17th, 1911.

DEAR LOWELL,

Some time ago in the Hunterian Library, Glasgow, I came upon some interesting Harvard documents, the early lists of graduates, with their theses, etc. When you so kindly took me to the Library, we found that you had none earlier than 1670 I think. I have had the Hunterian set photographed, and they should reach you with this letter. Please hand them over to the Librarian.

If you have to be in England this summer we shall be delighted to see you.

Sincerely yours,

WM. OSLER.

The earliest 'Theses' of which the College possesses an original copy, is that of 1687, Dr. Osler's recollection of 1670 being due no doubt to the fact that there is a copy of the sheet for that year at the Massachusetts Historical Society. The Society also has the 'Theses' of 1643. These three were the earliest known until Dr. Osler added 1646, 1647, August 9, 1653, August 10, 1653, and 1678. They and the other College publications of similar character were described at length by Mr. Lane in the *Proceedings* of the American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, for October, 1914.

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MR. APPLETON entertained the members of the Overseers' Committee at dinner at the Somerset Club on the evening of May 11, following the two-day meeting of the Board of Overseers. His guests included also the members of the Library Council, Mr. James Byrne, Mr. George Wigglesworth, Mr. W. Cameron Forbes, Mr. Winthrop H. Wade, Mr. Lane, and Mr. Winship.

A summary of the more significant developments at the Library since Mr. Coolidge's return from the Peace Conference, substantially his remarks when called upon to speak at the dinner, are on page 11.

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ON Memorial Day, General Pershing, as the guest of the University, very fittingly went first to the Harry Elkins Widener Memorial Room in the Library building to pay his tribute to the men whose names make up the Roll of Honor and whose portraits are on the stands about the room. There he was greeted by the members of the Corporation, Board of Overseers, and the Faculties in academic costume, who had assembled to attend the exercises in Sanders Theatre.

More than 3,160 people visited the Memorial Room on Sunday, when it was open from 2:30 until 6:00 o'clock, and on Monday, May 31, the number registered was 788.

The room was decorated with wreaths and flowers sent in memory of many of the men by their parents and friends.

Mr. Lane, as President of the Harvard Memorial Society, has secured the photographs of 354 men who were killed, or died as a result of their service, in the War, out of a total of 363 names now on the Roll of Honor.

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Mr. Shaw gave an account of 'Collecting Theatrical Books and Play-Bills' at the meeting of the Club of Odd Volumes at its Club House in Boston, on May 19. As a souvenir of the occasion, the Club distributed to its members a facsimile of 'The First American Play-Bill known to be in existence, announcing a performance of 'The Orphan' at the Theatre in Nassau Street, New York, in 1750.' The original is among the treasures which were received with the bequest of Evert J. Wendell, '82. The facsimile is accompanied by a short note explaining its significance, written by Mr. Winship. It was printed at the Harvard University Press.

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Professor Palmer's gift of his collection of early editions of philosophical books is the subject of a note, attributed to Professor Hoernlé, in *The Journal of Philosophy, Psychology, and Scientific Methods* for March 25. These books, together with those already in the library which supplement them, have been assigned a case between the windows in the Treasure Room. The interest aroused by the assembling of this special collection, and by an exhibition of the more notable volumes arranged by Mr. Lane in the new Treasure Room cases, revealed some of the weak spots in this section of the library. With the help of Dr. Benjamin Rand, an effort is being made to supply the deficiencies, and a more adequate account of Professor Palmer's gift is postponed until reports are received from the orders outstanding.

Mr. Currier suggested a number of the topics which were discussed at the meeting of the New England Conference of College Librarians, held at the Institute of Technology on May 14 and 15. Mr. Lane and Mr. Briggs also took an active part in the discussions. Others from the library staff who attended were Mr. Coolidge, Mr. Lord, and Misses Ayer, Briggs, Ford, Johnson, Stearns, Taylor, Titus, Tucker, Wait, Warren, Wilcox and Wilde.

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Clifford B. Clapp, '05, who was on the Library staff from 1904 until 1910, and is now at the Henry E. Huntington Library, contributed an account of 'The Gifts of Richard Baxter and Henry Ashurst to Harvard College,' to the forth-coming *Transactions* of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts for March, 1918. Baxter, writing of his library, says that about 1675, 'I purposed to have given it almost all to *Cambridge* in *New England:* but Mr. *Knowles* who knew their Library, told me that Sir *Kenelme Digby* had already given them the Fathers, Councils and Schoolmen, but it was History and Commentators which they wanted. Whereupon I sent them some of my Commentators, and some Historians among which were Freherus, Reuberus and Pistorius Collections, and Nauclerus, Sabellicus, Thuanus, Jos. Scaliger de Emendat. Temp. &c., but Goldastus I kept by me (as borrowed) and many more which I could not spare.'

Professor Kittredge refers to this gift from Baxter in his paper on 'Doctor Robert Child the Remonstrant' in the Colonial Society *Transactions* for March, 1919.

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The Library has received several gifts in memory of students who lost their lives in the war. These funds and their objects are as follows:

In memory of Henry Weston Farnsworth, of the class of 1912, a soldier of the Foreign Legion in France, killed in action before the Fortin de Navarin, Battle of Cham-

pagne, September 28, 1915, a fund of $30,000, given by his father, William Farnsworth, '77, for the maintenance of the Farnsworth Room, and the purchase of new books for it;

In memory of Wainwright Merrill, of the class of 1919, killed in action at Ypres, November 6, 1917, a fund of $3000, given by his father, Samuel Merrill, for the purchase of books on the European War, or English and American literature;

In memory of Dillwyn Parrish Starr, of the class of 1908, Lieut. Coldstream Guards, killed in action at Cinchy, September 15, 1916, a fund of $3200, given by his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Louis Starr, and a few friends, for the purchase of books on military history, preference being given to British regimental histories or British military history in general;

In memory of Richard Mather Jopling, of the class of 1916, a member of the United States Army Ambulance Corps in the European War, died in London March 16, 1919, a fund of $500, given by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Jopling, for the purchase of books on music.

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Mr. Currier and Miss Wood collaborated on a note concerning the books purchased by Mr. Coolidge in Vienna last summer, which is printed in the *Harvard Alumni Bulletin* for May 6. The *Bulletin* for June 10 contains an article on the Thomas Bailey Aldrich memorial case in the Treasure Room. This contains 344 volumes given by Talbot Aldrich, '91, selected from his father's library. Among them are a number of bibliographical importance; the others have each some personal association through autograph inscriptions or accompanying letters.

Two of the volumes presented to Mr. Aldrich are welcomed to the Library with especial pleasure. These are

the privately printed verses inscribed 'with the sincerest affection and gratitude of the author,' and entitled:

Mary, and Other Poems. By H. H. Cergrinn. New York, G. P. Putnam's Sons. 1895. (Cover; 4 ll; 49 pp. 'One Hundred Copies Printed. Type Distributed.')

Vela of Alava. By H. H. Cergrinn. Paris, Firmin Didot & Co. 1896. (Cover; 52 pp. 'One Hundred Copies Printed. Type Distributed.')

There are two copies of the first, explained in a letter from the author:

'Dear Mrs. Aldrich:

I have been vainly during the past few days trying to decide which of the two little volumes fell from the press first, but have given it up. It is however one or the other (!) as the old lady said of the bluing test.....

Perhaps had you been here you would not have let me set them up. But nobody — that is only a very few know about them and the load of my crime weigheth heavily.

Now this is all mock humility and what I need most on earth is five lines of scathing contempt from Mr. Aldrich.

[Keep my secret!]'

A letter in the other volume describes it as 'small and pale and cold and very much afraid. I only wish it could be good and seasick on the way over by way of removing impurities etc.....I am most anxious to know what you will say.'

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Mr. Appleton, as Chairman of the Overseers' Committee, preëmpted the privilege, for which there were several claimants, of paying for the transfer of the books classified under the heading 'Alsace-Lorraine' from 'Ger' to 'Fr.' There are about four hundred volumes which must be moved to a new location in the stack, at a place where no allowance had been made for this unfore-

seen accession; they must have new numbers, and these numbers put on at least three times as many catalogue cards; and new shelf-lists prepared.

Such a change as this involves an incidental advantage, which makes the expenditure thoroughly profitable. This results from the opportunity to revise the scheme of classification and at the same time to reconsider the location of individual volumes. In a library that grows as steadily as this one, such a going-over of the shelves at intervals is of the utmost benefit. It also inevitably stimulates growth, and in this particular case the work is being done just in time to take care of an influx of publications resulting from the War, as well as others secured through Professor Haskins' especial opportunities for information regarding the literature of this subject.

Still further opportunity for accessions in this field is offered by the fact that Professor L. J. Henderson and Professor Raoul Blanchard of Grenoble have recently left for a walking tour through Alsace and Lorraine, carrying with them a list of the books now possessed by the Library and being authorized to purchase such non-duplicates as are desirable.

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In April a bindery was opened in the Library, and in this a substantial part of the Library binding will be done, as well as the miscellaneous repairing which has long been carried on within the Library walls.

In the former repair shop two persons were employed; for the work of the present bindery four others have been added. Mr. Charles W. Facey, who has conducted a bindery on Boylston Street for many years, and has handled there a part of the Library's work, having given up his own business, now takes charge of the new Harvard bindery, and it is expected that excellent work, fully up to the previous high standard of the Library, will be turned out.

The addition of a bindery to the other activities of the Library increases to some degree the task of administration, but there is a distinct advantage in having books constantly accessible when needed, even while they are in process of being bound, and in keeping valuable books within the fire-proof walls of the Library. The expense involved will be carefully watched, but it is to be hoped that the cost will not exceed what would have to be paid outside. W. C. L.

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Mr. Alvan C. Sturtevant, Jr., of Cambridge, has recently brought into the library a number of interesting volumes, which he has presented in memory of his son, Lt. Herbert Alvan Sturtevant, D. M. D. '17.

Lt. Sturtevant entered the Naval Service after graduating from the Dental School. He was soon commissioned lieutenant, junior grade, and later as senior lieutenant. He was attached to the United States Ship Bridgeport up to the time of his death, February 7, 1920, at the United States Naval Hospital in Brooklyn. He had seen eighteen months of foreign service.

The volumes embrace several early 19th century New Hampshire imprints, publications of Louis Agassiz, which will be a useful contribution to our collection of publications by Harvard officials, a copy of James S. Maxwell's 'The Czar, his Court, and his People,' that curiously was not present in our somewhat complete collection of English books relating to England and Russia. There is also a copy of S. A. Mitchell's map of the United States, 1834.

It is gratifying to have friends bring in books of this character, which fit so well into our collections, and yet are so frequently neglected and allowed to find their way to the second-hand dealer, and it is especially fitting that this gift should be connected with the memory of one of our own men, who has given himself to our country's service. T. F. C.

Miss Walton's record shows that since March 1, the College Library has received from England 14 cases containing 1392 publications; from France eight cases containing 1018 pieces; from Italy two cases of 195 pieces; from Cuba one case of 371 pieces; and from Germany eight cases and more than 300 parcel post packages, with a total of 2286 books and pamphlets and 178 maps. Among the books from Germany were many ordered before the United States entered the war.

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Mr. Winship represented the Library at the meetings of The American Library Institute and of the Bibliographical Society of America at Atlantic City on May 1st.— A letter from him to Professor Van Tyne of Ann Arbor, giving an opinion concerning the value of the collection of Americana which Regent William L. Clements of the University of Michigan has recently presented to that institution, is printed in the April issue of *The Michigan Alumnus*.

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The Class of '95 has continued the custom initiated by the Classes of '93 and '94, by which members have sent in to the class secretary copies of books, pamphlets and periodical articles that they have written. These will be exhibited in the Treasure Room on Sunday, June 20, on which day the class will visit the library. It is expected that the material will be permanently deposited in the library.

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Under Miss Wilde's direction the library's records of 18th century newspapers have been consolidated and placed in the Treasure Room in order that inquirers may get prompt service from Mrs. Everett. Opportunity has been taken to re-arrange the corresponding volumes on the shelves in the Treasure Room stack and to letter their titles clearly on the backs.

Miss Marion L. Ayer, of the Catalogue Department, has just accepted the librarianship of Wheaton College.

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Through the generosity of Dr. H. G. Leach, the Curator of our Scandinavian collections, a card check list has been prepared under the supervision of Miss Johnson, Miss Wilde and Miss Taylor of all the books and periodicals in the library relating to Scandinavia. It embraces more than 7000 titles.

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This is not an official publication of the Harvard University Library. It is printed for the purpose of informing those connected with the administration and the work of the library concerning its growth and various activities which otherwise might not come to their notice. Through the courtesy of the Overseers' Committee it is sent to all who are known to be actively interested in the development of the Harvard Library.

Copies are not available for general distribution, and few will be printed in excess of the requirements for current use. Anyone desiring to receive future issues may get them by sending the Library one dollar, for four numbers.

THE LIBRARY SITUATION

A summary of Mr. Coolidge's remarks at the dinner to the Overseers' Committee to Visit the Library.

THE Library this winter has returned to its normal and pre-war life. The Evert J. Wendell Collection has now been sorted, catalogued, and put on the shelves, as far as the funds received from his estate have permitted. This work was inevitably very expensive and we could not have undertaken it with any prospect of finishing if we had not had the money obtained by the sale of the duplicates at an auction in New York. Even as it is, we need some thousand dollars to complete the work of binding, and there is no prospect at present of our being able to make further progress in this respect.

The political changes due to the war have made it necessary to modify some of the existing classifications of our books; for instance, those on Bohemia formerly set up under 'Austria' have now gone under the heading of 'Slav.' Alsace-Lorraine we are now moving from 'Germany' to 'France.'

A subject that we have postponed until now but have decided to undertake is the definitive arrangement of our works dealing with the war. When the war began we made a rough provisional classification and have adhered to it since. Up to the present time we have not gone in as extensively for getting war books as have several other libraries. There are some of these that at the start meant to acquire everything possible, but they soon had to realize the gigantic nature of such a task. So far we have followed the principle of only purchasing the important and most necessary works, though we have gladly accepted gifts of all kinds that have come in to us. We think that the moment has now come to proceed more systematically. We have profited by a recent opportunity

to buy at a low price a large collection of trench newspapers, proclamations, pamphlets, etc., published in Germany and in the occupied regions during the war and we are now planning out the arrangement of our whole collection of this material for the future. What we should like best to find would be a curator who would take a keen interest in the matter and be in a position to devote a considerable amount of time to building up the War collection.

As for purchasing this year, while in Vienna I was able to come in touch with one of the chief book-sellers there. Through him we have ordered some three or four thousand works relating to the late Austrian Empire, as well as some dealing with other subjects. We also received, by gift from Dr. Fuchs, Foreign Editor of the *Neue Freie Presse*, a nearly complete set of that paper — perhaps the best paper in Europe after the *London Times* for following international events, for the last half century. We have profited by the rates of exchange to order advantageously works of all sorts, especially German ones. They are slow in coming and uncertain in price, so that we hardly know where we stand at the present moment, but it looks as if we should have good cause to be well satisfied with the result.

MEMORIAL VOLUMES

A list of separate publications dedicated to men whose names are on the Harvard Roll of Honor; compiled by Miss Eleanor D. Monroe.

Adams, Briggs Kilburn, 1893–1918. A.B., 1917. Of Montclair, N. J.

"The American spirit;" letters of Briggs Kilburn Adams, lieutenant of the Royal Flying Corps. 104 pages.

With a preface by Arthur Stanwood Pier, in which he says, "He never wrote anything for me which could compare with these letters, and nothing else that has been written about the war that I have read, can compare with them. They are the most beautiful bits of writing that have come out of the war — beautiful in style and color and motion."

CHAPMAN, VICTOR EMMANUEL, 1890–1916. A.B., 1913. Of New York City. Member of the Lafayette Squadron, French Flying Corps.

"Victor Chapman's Letters from France," with Memoir by John Jay Chapman, his father. 196 pages.

"Great-hearted, loyal, reckless for a friend;
Not counting risks, cool handed, clear of sight,
He gave himself to serve a lofty end,
And, like an eagle soaring in the light,
On wings unruffled by the wind's chance breath,
He sought, and seeks his goal with steadfast flight,
— Victor, indeed, in name, in life, and death."

Foreword, by John Heard, Jr.

CHÉRONNET-CHAMPOLLION, ANDRÉ, 1880–1915. A.B., 1902. Of New York City. Member of the 168th Regiment of the Line, French Army.

'Letters, 1914–15.' 131 pages.

"The letters that form this little volume were, for the most part, written by André Champollion to one man; with the intention, however, that they should be forwarded to others of his friends. Their publication fulfils this purpose." Foreword.

COIT, HENRY AUGUSTUS, 1888–1916. Class of 1910.

'Henry Augustus Coit, number 487429, private in Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.' 31 pages.

"The following pages give certain official reports concerning his service with his regiment. Extracts from his letters show how keenly interested he was in this service, and letters from the officer commanding the casualty clearing station, where he was for five weeks after being wounded, from the chaplain and nursing sisters on duty

at the same place testify not only to his gallant fight for life, but to the loving and devoted care which surrounded him to the end." Foreword.

COOLIDGE, HAMILTON, 1895–1918. A.B., 1919. Of Boston. Captain, 94th Aero Squadron.

'Letters of an American Airman, Being the War Record of Capt. Hamilton Coolidge, U. S. A., 1917–1918.' 231 pages.

"I want you to know what he knew, however, that his part in the war was worth a thousand-fold the sacrifice he made....Those months in France were packed with an essence of life, a quality of existence, worth centuries of living, though we realize it only in retrospect." From a letter of Captain Walker M. Ellis of the Air Service to Captain Coolidge's father.

COOPER, JAMES FENIMORE, JR., 1892–1918. Yale 1913, Law School, 1914–16, Graduate School, 1916–1917. Of Cooperstown, N. Y.

'After Glow.' 98 pages.

A collection of poems with a fore-word by Henry Augustin Beers.

FARNSWORTH, HENRY WESTON, 1890–1915. A.B. 1912. Of Dedham.

'Letters of Henry Weston Farnsworth of the Foreign Legion.' 219 pages.

"Farnsworth returned to Paris and there the spirit of France held him, and he cabled home to ask if he could join the Foreign Legion for the duration of the war. As soon as the answer came he enlisted, on New Year's Day, 1915. From this point his own letters will tell his story." Foreword.

LAWTON, HOBART ADAMS, 1893–1918, A.B., 1914. Of Quincy, Mass. 2d Lieut., 124th Field Artillery.

'An Address delivered at a Memorial Service in Christ Church, Quincy, Massachusetts, March Ninth, Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen.' By William Edward

Gardner, D. D. and a tribute by Everett C. Bumpus, Quincy, Massachusetts.

Lyon, William Dennison, 1894–1918. Class of 1916. Of Brookline. Ensign, U. S. N. R. F.

'William Dennison Lyon.' 100 pages.

This memoir, published by Ensign Lyon's mother, tells the story of his life, dealing with him as "The Child," "The Boy," and "The Man."

Meeker, William Henry, 1894–1917. A.B., 1917. Of New York City. Corporal, Lafayette Squadron, French Flying Corps.

'William Henry Meeker, His Book.' 257 pages.

This book, published without comment, contains, besides the letters of Mr. Meeker, selections from his writings dating back to 1907, relating to "School Days" and "College Days."

Merrill, Wainwright, 1898–1917. A.B., 1919. Of Cambridge. Gunner, 6th Canadian Siege Battery.

'A College Man in Khaki, Letters of an American in the British Artillery.' 234 pages.

Edited with an introduction by Charles M. Stearns, in which he says, "His letters to me from May, 1917, until his death at Ypres form a series complete in themselves. I have added others to his father, his brother, and his friends, that show still further his engaging personality, his loyalty to the cause he had made his, his intense love of England and all things English, and his interest in the details of his life of training and — later — of actual warfare."

Pellissier, Robert (Edouard), 1882–1916. S.B., 1904, Ph.D., 1913. Sergeant, 5th Battalion, Chasseurs à Pied, French Army.

'Letters from a chasseur à pied.' 282 pages.

Compiled by his sister, Professor Adeline Pellissier of Smith College, who says in her introduction, "I have tried to show in these pages what were the influences which helped give to Robert his

stamp of character: his deep religious feeling, his moral point of view, his sincerity, his perseverance, his gift of adaptation, and the fairness of mind which enabled him to give everyone his due, his gratefulness towards the people who had helped him, his sympathy for Americans, and overshadowing everything else, his devotion to France. Of him may truly be said: "Qui patitur vincit."

PRINCE, NORMAN, 1887–1916. A.B., 1908, LL.B., 1911. Of Boston. 2d Lieut. Lafayette Squadron, French Flying Corps.

'Norman Prince, a volunteer who died for the cause he loved.' With a memoir by George F. Babbitt. 76 pages.

"It is fitting that the record of a young life of high aspiration, of fine achievement, and, finally, of supreme self-sacrifice on a world's battlefield, should be permanently preserved, not only for the satisfaction of those near relatives and friends who deeply mourn its tragic and untimely end, but for the sense of pride and rapture of soul which the contemplation of such a record everywhere inspires. Grievous as it is to see a young and happy life cut off at the threshold of a promising career, there is compensation as well as consolation for such a fate when the fine fervor of youth, thoroughly imbued with a loyal and patriotic spirit, has won for its possessor the well-deserved plaudit of living and dying a hero. Such was the fate and such the reward of the subject of this memoir." p. 1.

SEEGER, ALAN, 1888–1916. A.B. 1910. Of Paris.

"Letters and Diary of Alan Seeger." 218 pages.

"So a knowledge of the character and life of Alan Seeger would not be complete without the revelation of patient endurance and steadfast devotion to an ideal contained in this volume. While they lend a confirmatory value to his later poems, written during the same period, they enhance, by contrast, the beauty of his earlier verse, the product of years when the pleasures of life were his goal, and danger and self-sacrifice unthought of." From the Prefatory Note, p. vi.

"Trois poèmes inspirés par la guerre." 16 pages.

"Ces trois poèmes ont été lus à la Comédie-Française, au cours de la Matinée du 21 Janvier 1917, par Mme. Segond Weber et M.

Silvain, après que M. René Besnard, Sous-Secrétaire d'Etat à la Guerre, eût rendu hommage à la mémoire des volontaires américains." Foreword.

STARR, DILLWYN PARRISH, 1884–1916. Class of 1908. Of Philadelphia. Lieut. Coldstream Guards, British Army.

"The War Story of Dillwyn Parrish Starr." 137 pages.

By his father, Dr. Louis Starr, who says in his Foreword, "Apart from my affection for my son I have been impelled to compile this short memoir by my pride in his very gallant record, and by a desire to tell his friends, whom I believe to be interested, the details of his two years' war service."

SUCKLEY, HENRY MONTGOMERY, 1887–1917. A.B. 1910. Of Rhinebeck, N. Y. Lieutenant, American Ambulance Field Service.

"In Memory of Henry Eglinton Montgomery Suckley, April 22, 1917." 16 pages.

A pamphlet containing the Memorial Service held in the Church of the Incarnation, 35th Street and Madison Avenue, New York, by the Rector, Rev. Howard C. Robbins, with a poem "A Red Cross Knight," by J. T. F.

WINDELER, HERBERT WHEELWRIGHT, 1897–1917. Class of 1919. Of Boston. Lieutenant 4th Battalion, Grenadier Guards, British Army.

"In Memoriam, H. W. W." 28 pages.

Letters written by "John" Windeler's friends immediately after his death.

The first volume of M. A. De Wolfe Howe's 'Memoirs of the Harvard Dead,' compiled at the request of the Corporation, is now being printed. It is expected that it will be ready for distribution before Commencement Day.

Other volumes which contain notices of men on the

Harvard Honor Roll are being prepared by many of the larger fitting schools. That of Phillips Academy, Andover, has been published, and the St. George's School war book will very soon be off the press.

The following books also contain notices of a large proportion of Harvard Men:

'Friends of France.'

The Field Service of the American Ambulance described by its members.

Howe, Mark Antony De Wolfe, Editor.
'The Harvard Volunteers in Europe.'

This book was published in 1916, and contains a few of the records of the Harvard men who fell.

Morse, Edwin Wilson,
'The vanguard of American volunteers in the fighting lines and in humanitarian service August, 1914–April, 1917.'

'New England Aviators, 1914–1918, Their Portraits and Their Records.' 2 volumes. Introduction by A. Lawrence Lowell.

Contains the records of about forty men on the Harvard Honor Roll.

THE FARNSWORTH ROOM

The Farnsworth Room, planned to place the best literature attractively within easy reach, occasionally functions in other directions.

'Have you anything of Jeffery Farnol?' asked a student who was seeking an hour's diversion.

The one in charge at the time gave him "The Broad Highway" and "The Amateur Gentleman."

'I think I'll take "The Broad Highway,"' he remarked, after a cursory examination, returning the other volume to the shelf.

A few minutes later the attendant discovered the young man lolling lazily in the big brown chair by the window, with both feet extended to the limit of their tether and resting in one of the rush-bottomed chairs.

Such an attitude, while perhaps proper in a dormitory, is out of keeping with the Farnsworth Room.

'You made a mistake in the selection of your book,' remarked the attendant, approaching with gaze fixed on the man's shoes. 'You should have taken "The Amateur Gentleman."'

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The following is a list of books in use in the Room from 11:30 to 12:30 on May 25, 1920:

Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes	Doyle
The Republic	Plato
The First Jungle Book	Kipling
Man and Superman	Shaw
School for Scandal	Sheridan
New Arabian Nights	Stevenson
Count of Monte Cristo	Dumas
Reynard the Fox	Masefield
The Country House	Galsworthy
The Rise of Silas Lapham	Howells
Letters	Henry James
In Black and White	Kipling
At the Sign of the Four	Doyle
Autobiography	Mill
Vanity Fair	Thackeray
Uncle Remus	Harris
Michael and His Lost Angel	Jones
More Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes	Doyle
Diana of the Crossways	Meredith
The Brushwood Boy	Kipling
A Set of Six	Conrad
Paradise Lost	Milton
Poetical Works	Drummond
Soldiers Three	Kipling

Marmion	Scott
The Life and Times of Cavour	Thayer
The Ancient Mariner	Coleridge
Heart of the West	O. Henry
Letters	Stevenson
Poems	Beaumont & Fletcher
Plays	Sophocles
The Shadow of the Glen	Synge
Time and the Gods	Dunsany
Short Stories	Bret Harte
The Awkward Age	James
The Scarlet Letter	Hawthorne
The City of Dreadful Night	Thomson
The Gay Lord Quex	Pinero
Erewhon	Butler
Phineas Finn	Trollope
Poems	Hardy

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Records for the eight months from the opening of the room on September 22, 1919 to May 22, 1920 show a total attendance of 33,439 readers, an average of 4180 per month, or approximately 140 a day.

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'Just look at this room!' exclaimed a student as he stood at the desk and surveyed the readers occupying all the easy chairs and most of those less luxurious. 'It's Saturday night and there are thirty-five men in here reading; I've just counted them. I'll bet you wouldn't find that in any other college in the country. I *know* you wouldn't out where I came from. Think of it! Saturday night and thirty-five men reading!'

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Facetiousness occasionally crops out and, while it may not always be brilliant, it is significant of the friendly and pleasant atmosphere of the room.

'I came for "Victory,"' remarked a young man as he turned away disappointed from the Conrad books, 'but I've met defeat.'

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